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BY HIS  
HIGHNES COUNCIL  
IN  
SCOTLAND,  
For the Government thereof:

A  
DECLARATION  
For Regulating and Redreſsing of Abuses  
in the Measures and Prices of  
COALS.

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Thursday, the 27. day of *March*, 1656.

At his Highneſſ Council in EDINBURGH,

**O***rdere*d, That this Declaration, be forthwith  
*Printed and Publiſhed.*

*Emanuel Downing*, Cl. of the Council.

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# A DECLARATION for Regulating and Redressing of Abuses in the Measures and Prices of COALS.



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their respective bounds and places hereafter named;  
viz. Sir Robert Drummond of Medop, Leonard Lydcot  
Esquire, Dundas elder of Dundas,  
Dundas younger of Dundas, George Dundas of Du-  
diston, George Drummond of Carlowry, Andrew Bry-  
son, Thomas Read Esquire, Sir Thomas Nicholson of  
Carnock, Sir William Bruce of Stenhouse, Claud  
Hamilton Esquire, John Coburn Esquire, for the  
Bounds by West the Queens-ferry, to Sterling, upon  
the South-side of the Water of Forth; And Henry  
Whalley Esquire, Timothy Wilks Esquire, Sir James  
Macgill of Cranston, Sir John Wauchop of Niddery,  
Samuel Johnston Esquire, Richard Clifton Esquire,  
William Walters Esquire, Samuel Atkins Esquire, John  
Phips Esquire, Abraham Holmes Esquire, Jeremiah  
Smith Esquire, Andrew Abernethy Esquire, Mark Casse  
of Cockpen, William Purveis of Abyhill, Master Ro-  
bert Preston, and James Brown in Muscleburgh, for  
the whole Bounds of the Sheriffdom of Edinburgh  
Principall; And John Earl of Haddington, Sir Ro-  
bert Fletcher of Saltoun, Robert Hebrun of Keith,  
Coburn of Ormeston, Patrick Coburn of Cler-  
kington, George Hume of Foord, William Earle of  
Rorburgh, John Earle of Tweedale, Sir Adam  
Hebrun of Humby, Henry Whalley Esquire, Captain  
Thomas Symnell, James Cockburn of Ormeston, Robert  
Acheson of Sideserf Esquire, George Hoom of Foord,  
Patrick Cocburn of Clerkinton, George Heburn of  
Muncraig, Master Robert Sinclair of Lockermak-  
ous, and John Heburn of Smeeton, for the Bounds  
of Haddingtonshire; And John Lord Burleigh, Sir  
James Hacket of Pittferran, John Mason Esquire,  
Alexander Colvill of Blair, Daniel Davison Esquire,  
Bruce of Kennet, Robert Meldrum of Tilli-  
body, Sir Charles Erskin of Ava, Wartlaw of  
Pitreby, James Heburn of Mensterry, Thomas Read  
Esquire, and John Cloberry Esquire, for the North-  
side of Forth, by West the North-Queens-ferry;  
And



And Charles Fairfax Esquire, John Mason Esquire,  
 David Weemes of Finnes, David Beeton of Creigh,  
 Sir James Melvill of Hall-hill, Rig of Ader-  
 ley, and Beeton younger of Welfore, for the  
 Bounds of the North-side the Water of Forth, by  
 East the North-Queens-ferry to the Coal-hugh of  
 Dury inclusive; And Sir Andrew Bruce of Earls-hall,  
 Sir Thomas Gowerly of Kincraig, Sir Thomas Nearn  
 of Sanford, Sir James Lermont of Balchomy, An-  
 drew Bruce younger of Earls-hall, Sir Thomas Hope  
 of Craighall, Sir James Monypeny, and Sir James  
 umlden younger, for the whole remanent Bounds  
 in the North-side of Forth within Fife, by East the  
 Coal-hugh of Dury. And because there are divers  
 other Shires and Places within this Nation,  
 wherein there is already Coal-hughes, or may here-  
 after be found, and yet there is no Commissioners  
 appointed by the said Act of Parliament, for putting  
 the said Acts in execution within the same; There-  
 fore it is Ordered and Declared by the said Council,  
 That in all other Shires and places wherein Coal-  
 hughes are, or shall be found hereafter, the Sheriffs  
 of the Shires, and the Governours of the respective  
 Garrisons within the same, and the Justices of  
 Peace within the Bounds where the said Coals are  
 or shall be found, shall be Commissioners to the effect  
 above and after specified: Providing alwayes, that  
 the said Sheriffs and Justices of Peace be not Coal-  
 Masters, or otherwayes have interest in the said  
 Coal-hughes. And further, It is Ordered and  
 Declared, That the Sheriffs of the Shires, and  
 the Governours of the respective Garrisons within  
 the Bounds above-mentioned, shall be super-nume-  
 rary and added to the Persons above-named within  
 the particular bounds abovementioned respectively.  
 And it is Ordered, That the fornamed Persons, or  
 any two of them as a Quorum, within the severall  
 Bounds respectively above-designed, shall use their

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their respective bounds and places hereafter nam-  
 viz. **Sir Robert Drummond of Medop**, Leonard Lyde  
**Esquire**, Dundas elder of Dundas,  
 Dundas younger of Dundas, George Dundas of Du-  
 diston, George Drummond of Carlowry, Andrew Bry-  
 son, Thomas Read Esquire, Sir Thomas Nicholson of  
 Carnock, Sir William Bruce of Stenhouse, Clau-  
 Hamilton Esquire, John Coburn Esquire, for the  
 Bounds by West the Queens-ferry, to Sterling, up-  
 the South-side of the Water of Forth; And Henry  
 Whalley Esquire, Timothy Wilks Esquire, Sir James  
 Macgill of Cranston, Sir John Wauchop of Niddery,  
 Samuel Johnston Esquire, Richard Clifton Esquire,  
 William Walters Esquire, Samuel Atkins Esquire, John  
 Phips Esquire, Abraham Holmes Esquire, Jeremiah  
 Smith Esquire, Andrew Abernethy Esquire, Mark Cass  
 of Cockpen, William Purveys of Abyhill, Master Ro-  
 bert Preston, and James Brown in Muscleburgh, for  
 the whole Bounds of the Sheriffdom of Edinburgh  
 Principall; And John Earl of Haddington, Sir Ro-  
 bert Fletcher of Saltoun, Robert Hebrun of Keith,  
 Coburn of Ormeston, Patrick Coburn of Cler-  
 kington, George Hume of Foord, William Earle of  
 Roxburgh, John Earle of Tweedale, Sir Adam  
 Hebrun of Humby, Henry Whalley Esquire, Captain  
 Thomas Symnell, James Cockburn of Ormeston, Rob-  
 t Acheson of Sideserf Esquire, George Hoom of Foor,  
 Patrick Cocburn of Clerkinton, George Heburn  
 Muncraig, Master Robert Sinclair of Lockerm-  
 ous, and John Heburn of Smeeton, for the Bound-  
 of Haddingtonshire; And John Lord Burleigh, Sir  
 James Hacket of Pittfirren, John Mason Esquire,  
 Alexander Colvill of Blair, Daniel Davison Esquire,  
 Bruce of Kennet, Robert Meldrum of T-  
 body, Sir Charles Erskin of Ava, Wartla  
 Pitreby, James Heburn of Mensterry, Thomas F-  
 Esquire, and John Clobberie Esquire, for the North-  
 side of Forth, by West the North-Queens-ferry;  
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And Charles Fairfax Esquire, John Mason Esquire,  
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 other Shires and Places within this Nation,  
 wherein there is already Coal-hughes, or may here-  
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 appointed by the said Act of Parliament, for putting  
 the said Acts in execution within the same; There-  
 fore it is Ordered and Declared by the said Council,  
 That in all other Shires and places wherein Coal-  
 hughes are, or shall be found hereafter, the Sheriffs  
 of the Shires, and the Governours of the respective  
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 Peace within the Bounds where the said Coals are  
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 the said Sheriffs and Justices of Peace be not Coal-  
 Masters, or otherwayes have interest in the said  
 Coal-hughes. And further, It is Ordered and  
 Declared, That the Sheriffs of the Shires, and  
 the Governours of the respective Garrisons within  
 the Bounds above-mentioned, shall be super-nume-  
 rary and added to the Persons above-named within  
 the particular bounds abovementioned respectively.  
 And it is Ordered, That the foienamed Persons, or  
 any two of them as a Quorum, within the severall  
 Bounds respectively above-designed, shall use their

best endeavours and diligence, for putting the said Act of Parliament, and Acts of Council, to due and timely execution; And that every Coal-Master serve the People of this Commonwealth readily, conform to the said Acts, and sell their Coals at the Prices and Rates particularly expressed and mentioned in the Acts and Decrees of Council concerning the Coal-Hughes. And where the said Acts of Council are not speciall, concerning the particular Rates, and Prices, and Measures of the said Coals, That the said Coal-Masters shal sell their Coals at the Prices, and with the Measures accustomed, and which has been in use at the said Coal-Hughes, by the space of seven years before the twentieth day of July, one thousand six hundred forty four years, being the date of the said Act of Parliament; And for this effect it is Ordered, That one of the Commissioners for each of the severall Bounds above-specified, shall visit the whole Harbours within the Bounds respectively above-mentioned, and shall cause the People of this Commonwealth to be readily served, conform to the foresaid Acts, with Power also to the said Commissioners and their Quorum aforesaid, to appoint their Dyets and Places of Meeting within their Bounds respectively above-related, for the better and more exact putting in execution of the foresaid Acts; and upon the Complaint of any Person or Party grieved, to convene the said Coal-Masters, Coal-Greebers, and Collyers before them, or their Quorum, within their severall Bounds; and after Tryall, to inflict and uplift from the Persons found guilty, all such Unlawes, Penalties, and Fines, as are appointed by the foresaid Acts and Decrees of Council, and Act of Parliament aforesaid, to be applyed for the use of the Complainers. And it is hereby declared, That the said Coal-Masters, Coal-Greebers and Collyers shall be subject and lyable to the Jurisdiction and

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Sentence of the said Commissioners, or their Quorum Within the severall Bounds respectibely above-mentioned, and to the execution of the same Sentence, in so far as concerns the putting of the said Acts to due and exact execution, to effect before-mentioned. And it is Ordered, That Letters, and all execution necessary, shall be directed for Charging the said Commissioners, and each of them, to accept this Commission for the severall Bounds above-mentioned, and to do their exact diligence in putting the same to execution, in manner before prescribed, as they will be answerable to the said Council, and may expect to be Censured as the said Council shall find their Faults or Negligence to deserve; And it is Ordered, That Letters, and all other execution shall passe and be Directed upon all Sentences, to be pronounced by the said Commissioners or their Quorum. And further it is Declared, That in all such Shires, and Places where Coal-hughs are already, or shall be found hereafter, without the Bounds particularly above-mentioned; The Sheriffs of the Shire, Justices of Peace, and Governours of the respective Garrisons (being qualified as is above exprest) shall be Impowred and Commissionated, and obliged to proceed for putting of the said Acts of Council, and Parliament in execution, in the same manner as the Persons above-named are Impowred, and appointed to proceed, within the particular Bounds above-mentioned.

Given at Edinburgh, the Twenty seventh day of March, One Thousand Six hundred Fifty Six.

Signed in the Name, and by Order of the Council.

**BROGHILL**, President.

Thursday, the 27. day of March, 1656.

At His Highnesse Council in EDINBURGH;

Ordered that this DECLARATION be forthwith Printed and Published.

EMANUEL DOWNING,  
Cl. of the Council.